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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

DANIEL RIVERA; MARIA RIVERA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COSTCO WHOLESALE  
CORPORATION; and DOES 1 to 10,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 8:22-cv-01614

**DECLARATION OF LAUREN E.  
RAYA IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF  
REMOVAL OF ACTION TO  
FEDERAL COURT UNDER 28 U.S.C.  
§ 1441(a) (DIVERSITY)**

I, Lauren E. Raya, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney, duly licensed to practice law in the State of California. I am an associate of the law firm of McNeil Tropp & Braun LLP, attorneys of record herein for Defendant, COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and if called as a witness, could and would competently testify hereto.

2. True and correct copies of Plaintiffs, DANIEL RIVERA and MARIA RIVERA's Summons, Complaint, and Civil Case Cover Sheet are attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on August 31, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing: **DECLARATION OF LAUREN E. RAYA IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) (DIVERSITY)** with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court, Central District of California by using the Central District CM/ECF system.

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I further certify that participants in the case not registered to as CM/ECF users have been mailed a true and correct copy of the above described documents by First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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☒ **FEDERAL:** I declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. Section 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 31, 2022, at Irvine, California.

/s/ Lauren E. Raya  
LAUREN E. RAYA